

## A commendation on "Septic polyarthritis caused by *Erysipelothrix rhusiopathiae* in a dog"

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Dear Sir

I would like to commend Seelig et al for their case report describing septic arthritis caused by *Erysipelothrix rhusiopathiae* in a dog (1). The authors comment that this is a rare condition and that culture of the synovial fluid of infected joints often fails to exhibit bacterial growth. A previous case report describing infective polyarthritis and multiple discospondylitis due to this organism described very similar findings (2). As in Seelig's case, the source of the infection was not established.

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